

HUGE CELEBRATION TUESDAY

Spurlin Plans to Appeal Case Lost in Superior Court

Lighting Pageant Will Set Record In Local History

Parade to Be Led by Famous 25-Piece Harold Roberts Band of Los Angeles

DANCE AND FREE REFRESHMENTS

Mrs. Torrance to Switch on Street Lighting System After Dedication Program

"There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight." Torrance next Tuesday may well sing that rollicking song.

For plans already perfected assure that the celebration next Tuesday night to hail the turning on of the city's new ornamental lighting system will be the greatest popular demonstration in the history of Torrance.

Starting early in the morning with a festival of bargains in all Torrance stores, the day will close with a street dance to the tune of Harold Roberts' famous 25-piece Golden State Band of Los Angeles.

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The diplomatic colony in Washington is taking an intense interest in the case. A suggestion has been offered that the government detail a guard to convey "diplomatic liquor from port to diplomat to prevent hijacking and interruption by police. The state department would like to have a statute covering the situation, but is averse to bringing up in Congress a question which would link foreign affairs with a debate on prohibition.

Fourteen men and a woman stood peering out of the windows in a Ford night-sewing plane at Newark Meadows, N. J. The motors were dead. Rapidly the plane was nearing the ground. Straight ahead was a train. The passengers saw that a crash into the train was inevitable. Death started them in the face. The plane was near the ground, rushing forward at a high speed. It crashed into the train. Twelve men and one woman were killed. Two men escaped with slight injuries.

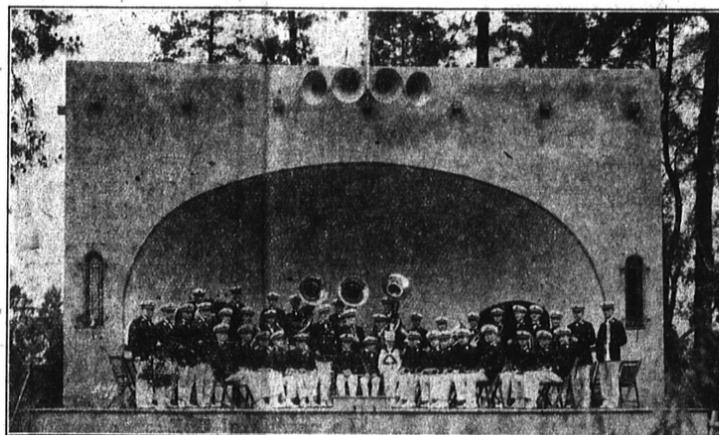
The long and powerful arm of General Motors has reached across the ocean into Germany taken over a large interest in the Opel company largest manufacturers of automobiles and bicycles in the new republic. For this interest the

city. Lt. Col. N. F. Jamieson, commander of the Post American Legion will be marshal of the parade.

The parade will disband near El Prado between Cravens and Sartori avenues. Police will direct cars to parking places. This block on El Prado will be roped off. A large reviewing stand is being erected on El Prado. Here the program of the night will take place.

Harry H. Dolley, president of the Chamber of Commerce will pre-

Famous Roberts Band Here on Tuesday



All California is proud of the famous Harold Roberts' band which will be an attractive feature of the Torrance Festival of Light next Tuesday night.

Observations

Who'll Pay the Costs of the Gas War?—One Guess—Mr. Hoover Startles Washington, Think Goodness—Lomita in Spring—Mexican Battle of Verbs

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

PRICE wars between companies dealing in basic commodities never save money for anyone. Sooner or later the war ceases, prices go up again, and Mr. John J. Citizen, who may have thought himself fortunate in being able to buy at a low price, will dig down and defray the costs of the warfare incurred by the battling companies.

The gasoline war seems about to end. Prices have gone up. As usual the public will pay the shot.

PRESIDENT HOOVER has given political Washington some severe shocks. Shock No. 1—He declared that appointments would be made, not on a basis of political favor but upon fitness for service. Politicians seeking patronage thought at first that the President made the announcement merely for effect. Each hunter for favors concluded: "He doesn't mean me."

But those who called on the executive for plums found that he meant just exactly what he said. They went away surprised and not a little disillusioned.

SHOCK No. 2—The president declared that national resources, federal oil reserves, would be strictly guarded against private exploiters. Individuals and companies seeking the right to get rich by developing government lands were amazed. But they are finding that the president and his unimpeachable secretary of the interior, Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, of Stanford University, intend to save public property for the public.

There will be no oil scandal during the Hoover administration—not if the president and Dr. Wilbur can prevent it—and they can.

SHOCK No. 3—The president had no sooner moved into the White House than he began shifting the machinery of his office. He appointed a new administrative officer under the title of secretary to look after the myriad of details concerning the several important commissions and bureaus for whose functions the president is directly responsible. Such quick action startled Washingtonians, who are accustomed to watching new presidents feel their way before making important decisions or changes in old established methods of procedure.

WHILE Washington may be a bit agliss at the swift decisions of the new executive the country at large must be delighted. The very speed of the Hoover activity at the outset of his term indicates that he has given close-range study to the functions of the executive. More than any president in years Mr. Hoover has intimate knowledge of the workings of the Washington governmental machinery. A cabinet member for eight years, strong man of two administrations before his own, he had more opportunity than almost any of his predecessors to acquaint himself with the difficult task of being president long before he assumed the office.

That he is using this knowledge to advantage is established by the dispatch with which he put several sound ideas into practice.

IN refusing to deal out patronage to the "boys" regardless of fitness of aspirants for office President Hoover may be building strong opposition for himself in Congress. Strong protests, before have found themselves roped and hog-tied by a rebellious house and senate.

PRE-CONVENTION opponents of Mr. Hoover declared that he would never be able to "handle a congress." They said he was not a practical politician. President Coolidge, however, was a politician, having held office of one kind or another most of his adult life. And he couldn't handle his congress. Congress passed bill after bill over his veto. Congress turned down at least a dozen of his appointments. Congress time after time knocked administration bills and policies into a cocked hat.

Possibly it takes something other than a practical politician to "handle a congress."

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Players Please Large Audience

"Come Seven" Under Auspices of Community Group Roaring Success

The Torrance Community Players made their bow to the public on Friday evening, March 15th, in Octavian Roy Cohen's hilarious darktown comedy, "Come, Seven," and to say that they were enthusiastically received is putting it mildly, if one is to judge by the waves of laughter and applause which filled the house.

The make-up was particularly excellent, running all the way from the deep black of Mr. Elias Nesbit to the high yellow of Miss Vistar Goins. These characters, played by "Dan" Danford and Marie Quigley, furnished some of the high spots in the action of the play. Marie was as cute a colored gal as you'd see in many a day's journey, and Mr. Danford was Mr. Nesbit, that's all.

Mr. Hurum Reeve, impressive and dignified as Lawyer Ewald Chew; Edna Schlick, as his very clinging viney wife, and Mr. Lou Dryer as the detective, Probable Huff, were equally well cast.

We can always depend on Virginia Buxton for a convincing characterization and her presentation of Elzevir Nesbit left nothing to be desired. Mr. Hopkins, a newcomer to the Torrance Players, was particularly good as the money-lender, Seymour Mashby, while Mrs. Ulrich disguised her blondness very effectively as the interfering sister-in-law, Lillia Blevins.

Mrs. Danford made the most of a small part as Mrs. Goins, and last, but not least, Jay Allen brought to life our conception of Mr. Cohen's favorite character, Florian Slappey.

Slender, dapper and debonaire, it was Florian himself, with his dreams and his schemes and his love of fine raiment, who walked and talked before us Friday evening.

Between the acts the audience was entertained by music over a majestic phonograph-rhode furnished by the C. Alexander company.

The play was produced for the benefit of the Women's Club of Torrance, and directed, needless to say, by Winis Brooks. The Torrance Community Players are a group of people recruited from the ranks of the Drama club, which is sponsored by the Women's club. The Women's club furnishes the use of the clubhouse for rehearsals, and in return the Community Players produce plays for the benefit of the Club, but they wish to announce that they are prepared to produce entertainments for other organizations as well, on a basis of half of the net receipts.

Sunrise Service Plans Announced

Lomita Invites Torrance to Worship on Hill Easter Morning

(See Pictures Inside)

Residents of Lomita, Harbor City, Welteria and Torrance will be awakened Easter Sunday morning by Boy Scout buglers who will sound the call for the early morning services to be held on the hill-top south of Narbonne avenue. Troops 1 and 2 of Lomita and troop 244 of Harbor City will be on hand to direct the worshippers to the location.

On Pennsylvania avenue, Cypress, Narbonne and Eschelman avenues, autos will start at the north end and proceed south, picking up pedestrians who have no other means of transportation.

The services will be opened by Dick Eyster and Robert Melz, local Boy Scouts, who will give the call to assembly from a point near the Easter Cross.

Two male quartettes attired in colored, flowing robes of Biblical times will render the Easter Hymn and will march through the crowd to the cross where they will be seated. There will be a special number by the Redondo district male quartette.

The speaker of the morning will be Dr. Vernon V. Morgan of Long Beach who is returning by popular request. Dr. Morgan will give a short address, recently, with the Chautauque circuit.

Members of the Lomita Easter Sunrise service association are delighted in having secured Mrs. Roy E. Creighton of Los Angeles to lead the Easter morning community singing. Mr. Creighton is the director of the youth movement in Los Angeles. One of the community songs will be "In the Cross of Christ I Glory." The group of songs will be printed on slips which will be passed out to the congregation so that everyone may join in the singing to be led by this inspirational leader.

The weeds and grass have been cleared away in preparation for the services and a wide path from Narbonne avenue to the Easter Cross will be available.

Ample parking space under the protection of the local constabulary will be had and chairs will be provided for those whose health or age prohibit standing.

Miss Marguerite McCartney whose photograph is herewith shown is a member of the speaker's committee and an active worker in the Easter sunrise plans.

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PITTSBURG.—"No the rain didn't interfere a moment with Pittsburg's celebration of the tin mill completion," declared N. A. Becker, this morning, as enthusiastic and optimistic as ever.

"In fact, when the heavy downpour followed Rev. Champlin's invocation, I didn't think for a moment about the crowds that might have been kept away—for every drop of water to me meant another can of peaches, or pears."

"The farmers sorely needed the rain, and while we often think of Pittsburg as an industrial city, we must not forget that our prosperity depends upon the farmers in a large measure—more than ever now, since we began turning out tin plate. The fruit growers of the state are going to use the bulk of the output from the new mill, and that rain yesterday meant thousands of more tons of fruit in California."

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FIRE IN APARTMENT  
At 10:15 p. m. Monday evening, the fire department was called to the Levy apartments on Sartori avenue to extinguish a fire in apartment No. 3.

EYE CASE VERDICT HEAVY

Jury Awards Judgment of \$52,000 to Arthur M. Loeb

WILL ASK NEW TRIAL  
Torrance Man Declares He Will Carry Case to Higher Tribunal

DeKalb Spurlin of Torrance was preparing this week to appeal the judgment of \$52,948 rendered against him by a jury in Superior Court in a case brought by Arthur M. Loeb for the loss of an eye sustained in a fight between Loeb and H. J. Kimmeler during a meeting of the Julian stockholders committee two years ago.

The judgment was rendered jointly against Mr. Spurlin and Kimmeler. The complaint asserted that Mr. Spurlin conspired with Kimmeler, to attack Loeb. This Kimmeler and Mr. Spurlin denied. Loeb sued for \$402,000 for the loss of the sight of an eye, which he sustained during the asserted fight.

A previous suit was dismissed in Superior Court, but the complainant filed a new action which closed last Friday with the judgment against Kimmeler and the Torrance man.

Next week counsel for Mr. Spurlin will make a motion for a new trial and if the motion is denied he will carry the case to a higher court.

Criminal action against Mr. Spurlin on a charge of conspiracy before the asserted assault is pending.

Eight Pay Fines for Disregarding Boulevard Stops

When you see a striped sign saying "boulevard stop" on street corners, you'd better follow the advice the little sign gives or it is very liable to cost you about \$2 plus the plus being just what ever "Speed" Officer Malin and City Recorder Rippey decide to give you.

Eight cases of failing to observe the boulevard stop signs came before Judge Rippey in his court last Friday afternoon. A Nakamura paid \$2 for failing to stop at Hawthorne and Redondo boulevards; G. A. Carlson paid \$2 for not observing the stop at Plaza Del Amo and Carson street; Kenneth C. Green, E. R. Patterson, Walter N. Karcher and Dave Hoffman paid \$2 each for failing to make a boulevard stop at Cravens and Marceline avenues; Mrs. M. E. Wright was fined \$5 for failing to stop on Plaza Del Amo and E. W. Sherman was fined \$5 for violating the same law at Arlington and Post avenues. Other cases that came before the court last Friday were as follows: George Forman paid \$10 for driving 34 miles an hour in a 20 mile zone on Arlington avenue; J. B. Young paid \$10 for driving 30 miles an hour in a 15 mile zone on Carson street; F. R. Manning paid \$10 for driving 34 miles an hour in a 20 mile zone, l. e. Redondo boulevard; C. M. Bozalech paid \$20 for driving 32 miles an hour in a 15 mile zone, l. e. Marceline avenue near Sartori; Phillip Hanson paid \$2 for parking his car in the red in front of the Columbia Steel Corporation.

Mrs. B. Coker failed to appear to answer charges held against her. A warrant has been issued.

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BILL THE BARBER SAYS KISSING IS DANGEROUS AND HAS PUT AN END TO MANY BACHELORS

Torrance Stores Will Be Open for Inspection Tuesday Until 7:45 P. M.